



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Denis BABIN

Appl. No.: 09/944,109

Filed: September 4, 2001

For: **Valve Gate Assembly for Injection
Molding**

Confirmation No.: 1733

Art Unit: 1722

Examiner: Heitbrink, Timothy W.

Atty. Docket: 2107.1200000/TUM/ALF

RECEIVED
FEB 09 2004
700

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

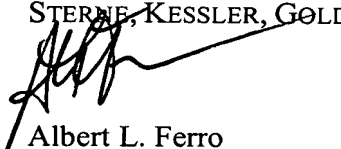
It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended two months from December 4, 2003 to February 4, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$420.00 for a two month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Albert L. Ferro
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 44,679

Date: February 4, 2004

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600